

Fast Food Fax

Apr. 04, 2006

Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, breasts items were mostly adequate. Leg cuts and wings were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Mar. 18, 2006

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	31,680	16,214	52,627	100,521
Percentage	32%	16%	52%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,667	5.64
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	8,837	8.79
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,789	12.72
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,387	4.36
		31,680	31.52

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Jan 28	213,124	100	174,421	102	212,380	102	173,401	101	162,972	105
Feb 04	213,110	100	173,835	101	215,227	102	176,335	102	163,305	100
Feb 11	213,263	100	175,742	100	214,095	103	175,122	102	164,473	101
Feb 18	215,334	101	174,372	99	213,152	102	173,482	101	162,394	99
Feb 25	216,741	101	173,008	98	215,603	102	175,059	101	158,438	98
Mar 04	216,821	101	173,749	99	212,140	101	172,920	100	158,348	100
Mar 11	216,624	101	175,363	99	214,075	103	174,210	101	160,615	101
Mar 18	213,723	100	177,078	100	213,256	101	174,755	102	162,304	101
Mar 25	212,142	100	177,118	100	213,689	102	174,471	101	162,089	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/03/06

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	48-51	49.61	51.91	72.65
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	46-49	49.61	50.75	70.15
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	75	72.24	73.02	79.37
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		58.92	60.55	73.75
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 67.75)		66.37	66.69	73.02
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		34.22	35.38	54.46

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
	3/31/06	3/31/06	4/03/06
Breast - B/S	95.61	91.76	110.00
Tenderloins	95.69	96.03	139.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	58.89	54.66	57.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	14.73	12.60	16.50
Wings	73.13	77.93	86.50